

Remarks

The specification was objected to because the Abstract included the legal phraseology "means." Applicant has corrected the Abstract by deleting the word "means" and replacing it with structural components, namely, fasteners.

Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,792,082 issued to Williamson in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,391,223 issued to Holland. Claims 1 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Williamson and Holland in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,738,477 issued to McCorkie. Claims 2 and 3 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated to be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 by incorporating all of the subject matter of allowable Claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled since its subject matter has been incorporated into independent Claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended so that it now depends on allowable Claim 1. Claims 8-10 have been cancelled. It is therefore submitted that Claims 1 and 3-7 are allowable.

In view of the above Amendment and Remarks, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. An early allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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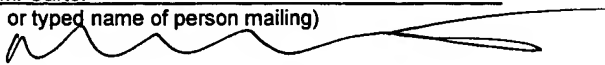
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